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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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The reply on 4/25/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The 4/25/05 amendment presents new claims 36-65, but fails to provide a proper and correct listing of all claims readable on each of the elected species (see the paragraph bridging page 3 and 4 of the 5/30/03 Office action).

It appears from the 4/25/05 response, that applicant still does not fully understand the election of species requirement.

The species elected by applicant in the 7/3/03 response are specie I (semi-flexible tubing as in Fig. 3), and a first end of the semi-flexible tubing being connected to a PP end fitting absent any transfer manifold and, the second end of the semi-flexible tubing being connected to a three port manifold wherein the other two ports have a standard LE end fitting and a standard HE end fitting respectively.

Original claim 33 (and now dependent claim 34 as presented in the 4/25/05 response) recited a first loaded end fitting connected to the transfer line by means of a first ferrule. Original claim 33 also recited a second loaded end fitting disposed at the second end of the transfer line.

The term disposed does not refer to any particular type of connection and is thus considered generic to the following:

(1) the second end of the transfer line being directly connected to a second loaded end fitting by means of a ferrule (as in claim 36).

(2) the second end of the transfer line being connected to a port of a three-port manifold with the second loaded end fitting in one of the other two ports of said three-port manifold (as in the elected specie of the second end of the transfer line being

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connected to a three-port manifold wherein the other two ports have a standard LE and fitting and a standard HE end fitting respectively).

It would be clear from the above discussion what the word "disposed" in original claim 33, is generic to, and, that claim 36 (which requires the second end of the transfer line to be connected to a second loaded end fitting by a ferrule) cannot possibly read on the elected specie which instead, requires the second end of the transfer line to be connected to a three-port manifold.

The examiner in the 3/23/05 Office action had also stated:

"As a further example, newly added claims 38 and 43 recite details of the first loaded end fitting which are specific to the LE end fitting (as indicated by pages 18 and 19 of the specification) whereas, the elected specie of the first loaded end fitting is not an LE end fitting but rather, a PP (percussion primer) end fitting".

The meaning of the above quote from the 3/03/05 Office action should now be clear in view of the above discussion. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Harvey E. Behrend at telephone number (571) 272-6871. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6973. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Behrend', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**HARVEY BEHREND
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July 12, 2005